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SUBJECT: VISIT OF U.S. AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT SPECIALIST
TO SARDINIA

1. DEPARTMENT HAS GIVEN APPROVAL UNDER PL 80-402 FOR DR. WILLIAM R. BUSHNELL, RESEARCH PLANT PHYSIOLOGIST OF U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, TO ACCEPT INVITATION TO ADDRESS A MEETING ON SPECIFICITY IN PLANT DISEASES BEING HELD AT PORTO CONTE, SARDINIA MAY 4 - 17 UNDER SPONSORSHIP NATO ADVANCED STUDY INSTITUTE (NATO/ASI). BUSHNELL SALARY WILL BE PAID DURING THIS PERIOD BY USDA WHILE NATO/ASI WILL PROVIDE ROUNDTRIP TRAVEL ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA-PORTO CONTE AND SUBSISTENCE EXPENSES DURING MEETING.

2. USDA REQUESTS THAT EMBASSY ARRANGE WITH NATO/ASI THE DEPOSIT OF THE APPROPRIATE FUNDS WITH EMBASSY AS A RECEIPT TO USDA APPROPRIATION NO. 1251400 WITH NOTIFICATION THEREOF ON FORM SF-1221 AND CONFIRMATION BY CABLE. UPON CONCLUSION OF BUSHNELL TRAVEL ANY FUNDS REMAINING WILL BE RETURNED NATO/ASI. ALTERNATIVELY USDA SUGGESTS POSSIBILITY OF AN ARRANGEMENT WHEREBY NATO/ASI COULD FORWARD BUSHNELL AIR TICKET AND PROVIDE HIS SUBSISTENCE IN SARDINIA WITHOUT DIRECT EXCHANGE OF FUNDS. INGERSOLL

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